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City Launches 10-Year Sustainability Plan for Honolulu

Standing before colored trash bins and recycling displays, Mayor Mufi Hannemann unveiled the City's highly anticipated sustainability plan at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center on September 5.

Entitled "Mayor's Energy and Sustainability Task Force: Working Toward the 21st Century Ahupua'a," the plan is the practical "nuts and bolts" application to make Honolulu more self-efficient, sustainable, environmentally friendly, and in harmony with our island home and cultural heritage.

The mayor said, "This document is the first comprehensive sustainability plan developed with full participation of

all affected city departments. It sets ambitious goals over a 10-year time frame and identifies specific programs, responsibilities and methods for measuring progress."

The plan includes specific goals for energy and water conservation, changing over to renewable fuels, and green building strategies.

Efforts will be directed and monitored by the Mayor's Energy and Sustainability Task Force, a committee composed of representatives of all impacted City departments and chaired by Mary Pat Waterhouse, director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services.

The plan is available online at www.honolulu.gov/mayor.



Young People Have Fun at Discover Recycling Fair, Youth Sustainability Summit

Following the unveiling of the City's sustainability plan, Neal Blaisdell Center was home to two exciting events that spoke well for Oahu's future: the City's third annual Discover Recycling Fair, held September 20-22, and the Hawaii 2050 Youth Sustainability Summit, September 21.

At the fair, the mornings of September 20 and 21 were reserved for school field trips. Bringing a high level of energy and enthusiasm, 7,800 students and teachers from more than 40 schools boarded City-provided buses or came on their own to the Neal Blaisdell Arena.

Students visited exhibits by local recycling companies, viewed displays of recycling equipment and technology, were entertained by singer Henry Kapono, and enjoyed a fashion show featuring clothes made from an assortment of recycled material.

Adding to the already spirited mood on September 21, more than 250 students from across the state brought their voices and ideas to the Youth Sustainability Summit in the Neal Blaisdell Pikake Room.

The 9th through 12th graders focused on their roles and responsibilities in creating a sustainable future for Hawaii at this event, which the City co-sponsored.

In his address to summit participants, Mayor Mufi Hannemann said, "You are the key to Hawaii's future. If you get it, if you practice it, if you advocate it, then the adults will get it."



Mayor Mufi Hannemann is surrounded by some of the 5,000 students and teachers who attended the Discover Recycling Fair.

After his speech, participants toured the Discover Recycling Fair, leaving with pamphlets, flyers and educational information.

Remarking on the importance of getting young people involved, Mayor Hannemann said, "There is a traditional Native American proverb: *We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.* In keeping with that sentiment, I have created the 21st Century Ahupua'a Ambassadors, a youth advisory board on the environment to develop new strategies on educating and involving Oahu's young people in the future of their island home."

The ambassadors will implement youth volunteer projects, publish educational materials and, most importantly, reach out to their peers to make sustainability an everyday activity in their lives.

Honolulu Family Festival Raises \$80,000 for Ala Moana Park

The popular Honolulu Family Festival, held at Magic Island from March 29 to April 1, resulted in an \$80,000 gift to the City.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann accepted the check from Scott Fernandez, vice president of E.K. Fernandez Shows, at a September 11 ceremony at Honolulu Hale.

"This money will help the City continue our efforts to maintain and improve Ala Moana Park for local families and our visitors," the mayor said.

"The attendance was up, the weather was great, and I want to thank everyone who came and enjoyed the festival."

Added Fernandez, "We are happy to have provided a great weekend of fun within easy reach for our residents, and we thank everyone for their support."

On hand for the ceremony were members of Honolulu 100, a nonprofit volunteer organization that helped the City sponsor the festival: Linda Wong, chair; Fran Kirk, treasurer and Honolulu Family Festival chair; and Ted Saribay, Honolulu 100 board member.



Mayor Mufi Hannemann accepts a check for \$80,000 raised from the Honolulu Family Festival. In the photo, from left, are Fran Kirk, Linda Wong, Scott Fernandez and Ted Saribay.

The mayor and Honolulu 100 officers announced they would repeat the event in 2008. "We are proud to be able to contribute to this effort for the second year and look forward to an even bigger and better event next year," said Kirk.



Hanauma Bay Award Mayor Mufi Hannemann holds an award from the Friends of Hanauma Bay for his leadership in protecting the bay's marine life and environment. While serving on the City Council, he authored and fought for the establishment of the Hanauma Bay Preserve Fund to ensure that preservation, education and environmental initiatives would always be prioritized. As mayor, he continues to make protection of the bay a priority. With the mayor in the photo are, from left, Dana Takahara-Dias, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) deputy director; Cynthia Bond, Friends of Hanauma Bay president; and Lester Chang, DPR director.

Bike Award

The League of American Bicyclists has awarded Honolulu an honorable mention in its Bicycle Friendly Community program, announced Mayor Mufi Hannemann. The honorable mention is presented only to communities on the cusp of earning a Bicycle Friendly Community Award.

"Pedestrian and bicycle-friendly communities are an important part of the City's new sustainability plan. We need a multi-modal approach to transportation and being able to use bicycles safely and conveniently for short trips will be a critical component," the mayor said. City planners are also integrating bike paths and pedestrian routes into the plans for the proposed transit oriented development around the new rail transit stations.

The league represents the interests of 57-million American bicyclists, including its 300,000 members and affiliates. The Bicycle Friendly Community program, initiated in 2003, had received applications from more than 174 communities.



Honorary Governor Mayor Mufi Hannemann, flanked by his brother Nephi Hannemann and sister Lady Va Maughan, both alumni of Farrington High School, holds the award signifying his induction into the Farrington Alumni and Community Foundation's Hall of Fame. Also in the photo are Foundation Director Michael Nekoba, left, and President David Jeong. The mayor said, "Although I graduated from Iolani School, it is no secret that I am the ultimate Farrington wanna-be. This Kalihi kid's heart was touched that the Governors would call me one of their own, because my heart has never left Kalihi." The awards dinner was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

New Sports Commission to Keep Hawaii in the Game

Stepping up to the plate to keep Hawaii a top player in the sports industry, Mayor Mufi Hannemann has established the Honolulu County Sports Commission.

Featuring some of Oahu's top names in sports, the commission will support local sports and attract new events to stimulate the growth of the state's sports industry.

Citing more professional football and baseball games, and pre-Olympic training events as examples, the mayor said, "There are countless amateur and professional contests in every sport that would find Oahu attractive. Our excellent City sports facilities, great weather, easy access from destinations across the globe, terrific hotels and warm people, all combine to make this the ideal location for athletics.

"What's missing is an organization to identify and pursue events, and that's what I hope the Honolulu County Sports Commission will eventually become."

The mayor, who was instrumental in keeping the Pro Bowl in Hawaii and luring the Hawaii Winter Baseball League to the City's Hans L'Orange Park, introduced the 25 commissioners at a September 10 press conference:

- Tita Ahuna, Tita Ahuna Volleyball Academy
- Keith Amemiya, Hawaii High School Athletic Association
- Hannie Anderson, Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association
- Dr. Jim Barahal, Honolulu Marathon
- Rick Blangiardi, KGMB-TV
- Nani Cockett, president of D. One Basketball Inc. and D. One Women's Collegiate Summer Basketball League
- Bobby Curran, ESPN Radio
- Jim Donovan, Sheraton Hawaii Bowl
- John Fink, KHNL
- Herman Frazier, University of Hawaii director of athletics
- Tim Guard, McCabe, Hamilton and Renny, and Denver Broncos
- Tony Guerrero, First Hawaiian Bank and Sony Open
- Jim Haugh, former director, IMG Sports and Entertainment
- June Jones, University of Hawaii Warriors Football
- Duane Kurisu, Hawaii Winter Baseball
- Jim Leahey, KHNL/KFVE
- Mitzi Lehano, OC16
- Al Minn, Master's Swim Program
- Marilyn Moniz-Kahoohanohano, University of Hawaii associate director of athletics
- Michele Nagamine, Outrigger Hotels director of sports marketing
- Dr. Dave Porter, Brigham Young University Hawaii Tennis
- Keala Watson, HHSAA diving coordinator and former Olympian
- Wally Yonamine, Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame member
- Hugh Yoshida, former University of Hawaii director of athletics
- Mark Zeug, Aloha State Games/Senior Olympics/Quarterback Club

Ex-officio members, all with the City and County of Honolulu, include:

- Councilman Todd Apo
- Ann Chung, Office of Economic Development
- Jeff Coelho, Customer Services Department
- Ralph Goto, Emergency Medical Services
- Gail Haraguchi, Department of Enterprise Services
- Gregg Hirata, Office of the Mayor
- Hubert Minn, Customer Services Department
- Dana Takahara-Dias, Department of Parks and Recreation

CORP Renamed in Honor of Patsy Mink

The City and County of Honolulu has renamed Central Oahu Regional Park in honor of the late Patsy T. Mink, who served in Congress and the City Council during a long career in public service.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann officiated at the renaming ceremony held August 30 that commemorated the 35th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the landmark law that prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs. The law is now known as the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act to honor the principal author.

The ceremony was attended by daughter Wendy Mink, family members, Councilmember Nestor Garcia, University of Hawaii Associate Athletic Director Marilyn Moniz-Kahoohanohano and others whose lives were affected by Title IX.

City Goes to Bat for High School Sports

Oahu's high schools, beset with not enough playing sites for their basketball, baseball and softball programs, have been rescued by Mayor Mufi Hannemann's offer of the use of City gyms and fields.

The mayor announced the City will make the Neal Blaisdell Center Arena, community gyms and baseball/softball fields available to the public schools' Oahu Interscholastic Association and the private schools' Interscholastic League of Honolulu.

The NBC Arena will be available during the weekdays, while gyms in each recreation district will be available once a week.

The baseball/softball fields include Keehi Lagoon, Hans L'Orange, Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park, Ala Wai Community Park, and Hawaii Kai's Goeas Baseball Field, which is scheduled to open this winter.

The need for gyms and fields resulted from a U.S. Supreme Court decision that forced Michigan high schools to realign their sports seasons, specifically moving girls' basketball to the winter. Hawaii and Michigan had been the only two states that did not coincide some girls' sports with boys' sports.

The court's decision prompted Hawaii's high school athletics programs to revise their sports calendars, which created an overwhelming demand for then-existing gym and field space.

Mayor Hannemann said that upon learning of the problem, he directed the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Enterprise Services to look into how the City could help.



The Melissa Ann is one of two vessels that free commuters from the stress and expense of driving their cars from the Leeward Coast to downtown Honolulu.

City Launches TheBoat Ferry Service Linking Leeward Oahu and Downtown

Leeward Oahu residents now have a new and fun way to make that early weekday commute to downtown Honolulu.

On September 16, Mayor Mufi Hannemann untied a maile lei to launch TheBoat ferry service between Kalaeloa Barber's Point Harbor and Aloha Tower Marketplace.

"TheBoat is an excellent alternative for residents tired of commuting in their cars and putting up with bumper-to-bumper traffic, wasting expensive gasoline and paying for parking," the mayor said. "This is all about providing viable choices and options."

The service is provided by two vessels, each air-conditioned, capable of carrying 149 riders and offering free wireless service. Free parking for about 40 cars is available in a temporary lot in Kapolei on the corner of Kamokila Boulevard and Ulu'ohi'a Street, adjacent to the Assaggio Restaurant. There are 23 carpool stalls available at the Kalaeloa terminal for cars with three or more occupants on a first-come, first-available basis.

The cost is \$2 for each ride, which includes two bus transfers. Call 848-5555, 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., or visit www.trytheboat.com for current information on the schedule, routes, fares, parking, security and baggage.

TheBoat joins TheBus, TheHandi-Van, bike paths, pedestrian routes and the proposed fixed guideway as elements of the City's integrated multi-modal approach to transportation.

Transit Oriented Development Kicks Off at Waipahu

Mayor Mufi Hannemann invited participants at a Waipahu Transit Oriented Development workshop to tell the City what kind of development they want around the two transit stations planned for their community.

The workshop was conducted September 25 at Waipahu Intermediate School for people living and working in the region. Among attendees were Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Waipahu Neighborhood Board Chair Richard Oshiro, Senator Clarence Nishihara, Senator Will Espero, Senator Mike Gabbard and Representative Alex Sonson.

City Remembers Heroes of 9/11

Mayor Mufi Hannemann, accompanied by Honolulu First Lady Gail Mukaihata Hannemann, Councilmember Rod Tam, Fire Chief Kenneth Silva, Acting Police Chief Paul Putzulu and Emergency Services Director Libby Char, led 300 marchers during the second annual Mayor's Remembrance Walk on September 9 in observance of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Accompanied by the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii, marchers started at 6:30 p.m. from the Honolulu Police Department headquarters, continued to the Honolulu Fire Department headquarters and ended at Honolulu Hale, where the Royal Hawaiian Band performed.

Wreaths were laid at each location and a short program honored police officers, firefighters, emergency services personnel and members of the City's Department of Emergency Management.

The City also co-sponsored a memorial service at Tamarind Square on September 11.

Mayor Hannemann used the occasion to honor "what I consider to be the best first responders in the nation, bar none. And that is the Honolulu Police Department, the Honolulu Fire Department, the Department of Emergency Medical Services and now our Department of Emergency Management, composed of our civil defense personnel and volunteers."

Mayor Hannemann said, "At the end of the day, it has to be what you want. You know better than anybody else what you want to see in Waipahu. This is your wish list, so think big."

About 100 people offered their ideas and concerns to representatives of Van Meter Williams Pollack, the City's consultant. Follow-up community meetings are being planned for mid-November, when the community's comments will be translated into alternative concept plans for areas around each station.

The September 25 workshop was the second in a series of neighborhood meetings on shaping development around the stations. The first was held at Leeward Community College on July 14.

The mayor also paid tribute and acknowledged members of the military and the five individuals with Hawaii ties among the 3,000 victims of 9/11: Georgine Rose Corrigan, Maile Hale, Heather Ho, Richard Y.C. Lee and Christine Snyder.



October 2 – 8:30 to 9 a.m., KZOO 1210 AM, Mayor (call 593-8670)

October 4, 18, 25 – 7:20 a.m., KINE 105.1 FM, Mayor's Minute with Billy V

October 9 – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., KNDI 1270 AM, Mayor's Cabinet (call 946-2845)

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October 23 – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., KNDI 1270 AM, Mayor (call 946-2845)

October 29 – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., KUMU 94.7 FM and KPOI 105.9, Frank B. Shanner Show (call 947-5868)

CABLE: The mayor appears every Thursday on Olelo, Oceanic Cablevision Channel 54:

Mayor's Report – 7 to 7:30 p.m.

City News – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.